

**STATE PLANNING COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Supplement to Agenda Item #4

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FFY 2017 – 2025 STIP - Draft

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Statewide Planning, working together with RIDOT and RIPTA, has compiled a draft FY 2017 – 2025 STIP. The STIP presents a nine-year program of over \$4.8 billion in funding for transportation projects from federal fiscal year 2017 to 2025, the first four years of which (FFY 2017-2020) are fiscally constrained.

A key focus of the FFY 2017-2025 STIP is to better integrate transportation asset management principles into the overall transportation planning process, therefore projects in the categories of Bridge, Pavement, Traffic, Drainage, and Regionally Significant projects were referred to RIDOT to be evaluated primarily using data driven management systems, optimizing the impact of the total investment in Rhode Island's transportation network. Transit and TAP projects were evaluated by subcommittees comprised of staff of Statewide Planning, RIDOT, RIDEM, RIPTA and members of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC then took the work of the subcommittees to create a single, prioritized list of TAP projects to recommend for funding. The prioritized TAP list and the Transit project priority list compiled by the TAC's Transit Subcommittee were forwarded to RIDOT for scheduling and funding across the timeframe of the STIP.

This STIP provides an incredible amount of information and should act as an excellent resource for any member of the public in clearly understanding how transportation funds are anticipated to be expended in the State. The STIP narrative provides information on the STIP development process, project selection process, funding resources, program descriptions, and analysis of the STIP including analysis on investment areas, fiscal constraint, equity benefits, and climate change. The accompanying STIP tables include a listing of projects programmed from FY 2017-2025. Most individual project listings include a brief description, location, cost estimate and funding source by year.

Two public hearings were held on the draft STIP on May 26, 2016 and the public comment period was open until June 26, 2016. SPP staff have compiled a draft public hearing report, which is included in this package. RISPP, RIDOT and RIPTA all addressed the comments applicable to their areas of expertise and their recommended changes have been incorporated in the draft STIP document as indicated in the public hearing report summary table. RIDOT has asked that the selection and scheduling of the TAP projects be deferred to the TAC. At this meeting, we will consider and address the public hearing comments related to the TAP projects. To complete this exercise, the TAC will be asked to do the following:

1. Review the public comment period input related to TAP projects not currently included in the draft FFY 17-25 STIP. These comments are highlighted in purple in the public hearing report summary table. TAC members will be asked during the meeting if there are any projects from that list that they would like to reconsider for inclusion in the draft FFY 17-25 STIP.
2. Review the public comment period input related to the TAP projects that are currently in the draft FFY 17-25 STIP. These comments are highlighted in blue in the public hearing report summary table. TAC members will be asked during the meeting if there are any projects from

that list that they would like to reconsider the priority of to advance the implementation schedule in the STIP.

3. Lastly, discuss the projects that were selected under both of the above exercises and assign them a rank of high, medium or low and embed them into the TAC's original TAP priority list which is attached and separated into high, medium and low priority projects. If the total funding proposed for TAP projects is the same as originally recommended (\$123 million over the 9 years), the updated TAP priority list will be sent over to RIDOT for rescheduling. If the total funding proposed for TAP exceeds the originally recommended amount (\$123 million over the 9 years), the updated TAP priority list will be sent as a recommendation to the State Planning Council for final approval, then to RIDOT for rescheduling.

To assist in this process key documents have been included in your package. Please find the TAC's original TAP priority list (minus projects and funds that were included in the A7 to the FFY 13-16 STIP and including projects that were added in by RIDOT) divided into high, medium and low priority projects and the TAP Subcommittee reports where all TAP projects were originally discussed and ranked. While the focus of the meeting will be the TAP projects, any TAC member is also welcome to weigh in and make recommendations regarding any project in the draft FFY 17-25 STIP.

ACTION REQUESTED: Consider the input gathered during the public comment period and make recommendations regarding the reprioritization and rescheduling of TAP projects. Provide feedback and make recommendations on the draft FFY 17-25 STIP.